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1. In August 1950 Major General William Dean was held in a hotel in P'yongyang. An interpreter from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, YI Kyu-hyon (이규현), aged 25, served as interpreter for the general. To keep secret the place where the general was held, YI was blindfolded while taken to and from the general's hotel and during the time he was with General Dean.¹
2. On 8 September 1950 near Seoul Major PAK Pal-gang of the North Korean State Security Bureau cultural training section, propaganda unit, stated that a United States Air Force pilot prisoner of war was shot to death at the order of Major General KIM IL (김일성)² at the spot where captured. The major said General KIM's reasons were that the pilot appeared ill-matured and it was too difficult to send a single prisoner to the the rear.

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1. [redacted] Comment. It is not clear whether YI performed the duties of a personal interpreter or was used in interrogations of the general.
2. [redacted] Comment. In August 1951 Major General KIM IL was in command, with Chinese Communist General HSUI, of a relay station for the Kaesong negotiations at Kunch'on [redacted]

[redacted] Comment. For more information on United States prisoners of war, see [redacted]

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